

I-405 Projects Update

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Southbound I-405 traffic shift scheduled for this weekend in Kirkland

On one night this weekend crews will close multiple lanes on southbound I-405 between NE 132nd and 124th streets to permanently shift traffic to the west (away from the median). We'll retain the same number of lanes. We need to shift traffic to provide room in the median for another bridge support and the new HOV ramps. This work is part of the Sound Transit-funded Totem Lake Freeway Station Project.

We need dry conditions for this shift because it requires re-striping lanes. Unpredictable spring weather forces us to schedule the work on a day-to-day basis.

Weekend closure of NE 116th Street under I-405

Northeast 116th Street where it crosses under I-405 will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists, from 11 p.m. Friday, April 21 until 4 a.m. Monday, April 24. The southbound I-405 on-ramp and northbound exit at NE 116th will remain open. Signed detours will be in place.

This closure is the first of up to four weekend closures over the next 18 months that are necessary to demolish and rebuild the I-405 bridges over NE 116th. This is part of the freeway widening under WSDOT's <u>Kirkland Nickel Improvement Project</u>. We'll post the detour route on our Web site soon, and we'll alert you to future closures in our e-mail updates.

Other traffic closures on I-405 in Kirkland

Expect nighttime lane closures in both directions of I-405 between NE 85th and 124th streets Saturday through Thursday nights. We've also scheduled weeknight closures of the southbound exit to NE 124th this week. In addition, expect daytime lane closures on city streets near I-405 at NE 128th. For more information, read our <u>news release</u> or visit our <u>construction update report</u>.

WSDOT extends comment period for Renton to Bellevue Project environmental study

We've extended the period in which you can submit comments on our Renton to Bellevue Project Environmental Assessment (EA) document (available online). We'll include all written comments received or postmarked by May 15, 2006, in the formal project record considered by the Federal Highway Administration and WSDOT. Please submit your comments in writing to our I-405 Project Environmental Manager, Allison Ray, at the following address or e-mail address:

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Highway advisory radio updates

Tune your radio to 530 AM or 1520 AM as you drive on I-405 through the Totem Lake area of Kirkland to hear the latest closure information and project updates. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson.

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